

Financial Aid and College Prep Resources for Native Americans

Research has found that American Indians and Alaska Natives have a much lower rate of college completion than the population as a whole. A degree or certificate from a college or trade school is a great advantage, leading to a much wider choice of occupations and, therefore, more likelihood of a fulfilling career. Here are some places to find information about preparing for college and paying for college.

Information From the U.S. Department of Education

For Students

At **StudentAid.gov**, you can do the following:

- Explore colleges to help you decide where to go.
- Learn about financial aid offered by the U.S. Department of Education.
- Get information about repaying student loans.
- And more! We hope you enjoy taking a look around. (And don't forget to check out the links we've compiled for you on page 2 of this fact sheet.)

For Parents

Use **StudentAid.gov** to help you prepare for your child's college education:

- Learn about college savings plans and education tax credits.
- See what classes your child should take in high school.
- Find out about PLUS Loans so you can help your child pay for college.

For Counselors and Other Mentors

Explore our resources just for you at www.fsa4counselors.ed.gov:

- Plan a financial aid night.
- Find a TRIO program (Upward Bound, Talent Search, etc.).
- Order free publications (including our "We have a bright future" poster for Natives).
- See what college fairs and conferences the Federal Student Aid team will be attending.

If you want a smaller copy of our "We have a bright future" poster, you can download it for printing out on 8.5x11" paper. Visit StudentAid.gov/resources/native-american-poster.pdf.

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Information From Other Federal Agencies and From Nonprofit Organizations

Government Scholarships:

- Bureau of Indian Education—www.bie.edu/ParentsStudents/Grants/index.htm
- Morris K. Udall Scholarship Program—www.udall.gov
- Health Professions Pregraduate Scholarship Program—www.ihs.gov/scholarship/index.cfm
- Scholarship for Service program—www.sfs.opm.gov
- NIH Undergraduate Scholarship Program—www.training.nih.gov/programs/ugsp
- Harry S. Truman Scholarship—www.truman.gov
- Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship—www.iie.org/en/Programs/Gilman-Scholarship-Program

Other Education Resources that Might Interest You:

- U.S. Department of Education Office of Indian Education—www.indianeducation.org
- Tribal colleges—www.aihec.org/colleges/TCUroster.cfm
- American Indian College Fund—www.collegefund.org
- American Indian Graduate Center—www.aigc.com
- American Indian Education Foundation—

www.nrcprograms.org/site/PageServer?pagename=aief_index

- National Indian Education Association—www.niea.org
- American Indian Science and Engineering Society—www.aises.org
- Tribal Education Departments National Assembly—www.tedna.org
- National Indian School Board Association—http://nisba.skc.edu